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KC MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS FOR METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for conspiring to distribute methamphetamine.

Jerry E. Ferguson, 43, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this morning to 10 years in federal prison without parole.

On June 22, 2004, **Ferguson** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute five grams or more of methamphetamine. **Ferguson** admitted that the conspiracy took place between Jan. 31 and March 26, 2003, in Clay County, Mo.

Ferguson also pleaded guilty to illegally possessing a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime. **Ferguson** admitted that he was in possession of a Sturm Ruger .40-caliber pistol, a Taurus 9 mm pistol, a Schmidt .22-caliber revolver and an F.I.E. .22-caliber revolver on March 26, 2003, in Clay County.

Ferguson agreed to forfeit the firearms to the government as well as a 2003 black Harley Davidson motorcycle that was derived from proceeds of the conspiracy, Graves said.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. It was investigated by the Metro Meth Task Force and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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